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SUBJ: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS - STOESSEL STATEMENT OF JUNE 3

PNE MESSAGE NUMBER FOUR

1. STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR STOESSEL INCLUDED RESPONSE TO WARM WELCOME BY MINISTER MOROKHOV (I), AND LATER, FOLLOWING MOROKHOV PREPARED STATEMENT, GENERAL REMARKS (II).

BEGIN TEXT.

1. MR. MINISTER, WE ARE PLEASED TO MEET AGAIN WITH YOU AND YOUR DELEGATION TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD AN AGREEMENT GOVERNING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MAKING AVAILABLE THESE EXCELLENT FACILITIES IN WHICH TO CARRY OUT OUR WORK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN THE SAME CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRANK ATMOSPHERE AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE ARE NO EMPTY CHAIRS ON THIS SIDE OF THE TABLE. I THINK WE DID OUR HOMEWORK WELL, AND MANAGED TO GET EVERYONE HERE BY AEROFLOT AT THE SAME TIME. ALTHOUGH MOST OF OUR DELEGATION IS FAMILIR TO YOU, WE HAVE SOME NEW FACES AND SOME RETURNEES FROM EARLIER SESSIONS. (US DEL WAS THEN INTRODUCED INDIVIDUALLY, COVERING NAME AND ORGANIZATION.)

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II. THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS REMAINS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE III OF THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY OF JULY 3, 1974.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR TALKS IN MARCH A SUBSTANTIAL NARROWING OF EARLIER DIFFERENCES AND UNCERTAINTIES HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

PROGRESS IN THE LAST ROUND INCLUDED, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FOLLOWING:

WE AGREED ON THE NEED TO LIMIT THE MAXIMUM YIELD OF UNRESOLVABLE CONTAINED PNES, ALTHOUGH THERE REMAINED A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LIMITS PROPOSED BY THE TWO SIDES.

WE EXCHANGED PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM OF DETERMINING THE YIELDS OF SIMULTANEOUS UNDERGROUND CONTAINED EXPLOSIONS TO SEEK A BASIS FOR ALLOWING GROUPS OF SUCH EXPLOSIONS HAVING AGGREGATE YIELDS EXCEEDING THE AGREED LIMIT ON INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS. HOWEVER, A GREAT DEAL OF ADDITIONAL WORK REMAINED TO BE DONE.

WE LAID A BASIS FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

WE REACHED A POSITIVE UNDERSTANDING ON THE NEED TO LIMIT THE FISSION YIELD OF EXCAVATION EXPLOSIVES, AND IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT WE AGREED ON THE NUMERICAL VALUE FOR THAT LIMIT. FURTHER, WE EXCHANGED PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON METHODS FOR VERIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH A FISSION LIMIT.

WE ALSO AGREED ON MINIMUM DEPTH OF BURIAL FOR EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS.

ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL TECHNICALLY COMPLEX MATTERS WERE IDENTIFIED WHICH SEEMED TO WARRANT CAREFUL STUDY, AND A BRIEF RECESS WAS AGREED TO BY BOTH SIDES.

BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF SCHEDULING, THE RECESS HAS BEEN LONGER THAN WE ANTICIPATED AT THE CLOSE OF ROUND II. NOW
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THAT THESE IMPORTANT INTERVENING EVENTS ARE COMPLETED, PARTICULARLY THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, IN WHICH YOU AND DR. TIMERBAEV PLAYED IMPORTANT PART, OUR WORK HERE IS BEING RESUMED.

DURING THE RECESS, THE U.S. SIDE CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF TECHNICAL MATTERS RAISED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. WE WILL BE SHARING WITH YOU THE RESULTS OF OUR ANALYSIS AND

OUR VIEWS ON THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES ENTRUSTED TO OUR
DELEGATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAS ALSO GIVEN
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THESE TOPICS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD
WITH INTEREST TO LEARNING THE RESULTS OF YOUR ANALYSIS AND
YOUR VIEWS ON ALL ISSUES BEFORE US.

WE ANTICIPATE WITH PLEASURE WORKING WITH THE SOVIET
DELEGATION IN THE COMING WEEKS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT,
SEEKING AN AGREEMENT WHICH CAN FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE CAUSE
OF PEACE AND THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

END TEXT.
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